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**Angola,* Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Ecuador,* El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nicaragua,* Paraguay, South Africa, Sudan,* Switzerland,* Togo,* Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam: draft resolution**

## 30/... Promotion and protection of the human rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Determined* to foster strict respect for the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

*Recalling also* the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and all other relevant human rights instruments,

*Recalling further* Human Rights Council resolutions 13/4 of 24 March 2010, 16/27 of 25 March 2011 and 19/7 of 22 March 2012 on the right to food, and in particular Council resolutions 21/19 of 27 September 2012 and 26/26 of 27 June 2014 on the promotion and protection of the human rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas,

*Underlining* the imperative need to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 in order to contribute to making the right to development a reality for everyone, and welcoming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

*Welcoming* General Assembly resolution 66/222 of 22 December 2011, in which the Assembly declared 2014 the International Year of Family Farming, and welcoming also General Assembly resolution 68/232 of 20 December 2013, in which the Assembly declared 2015 the International Year of Soils,

*Gravely concerned* that hunger, like poverty, is still predominantly a rural problem, and that in the rural population it is those who produce food who suffer disproportionately, and alarmed that 75 per cent of people suffering from hunger live in rural areas, particularly

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in developing countries, and 50 per cent are small-scale and traditional farm holders, as well as subsistence farmers, and that they are especially vulnerable to food insecurity, malnutrition, discrimination and exploitation,

*Recognizing* that livelihoods in rural areas are disproportionately affected by poverty, climate change, lack of development and lack of access to scientific progress,

*Convinced of the need* to strengthen the protection and realization of the human rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas,

*Welcoming* the report of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on a United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas on its second session, held from 2 to 6 February 2015, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 21/19 and 26/26, and in particular the inputs from Governments, regional groups, civil society and relevant stakeholders,

*Bearing in mind* the development of this issue,

1. *Decides* that the working group with the mandate to negotiate, finalize and submit to the Human Rights Council a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas shall hold its next two annual sessions for five working days each before the thirty-sixth session of the Council;

2. *Also decides* that the draft declaration presented by the Chair-Rapporteur of the working group at its second session will be translated in all official languages of the United Nations, and that negotiations during the third session of the working group shall be held on this basis, taking into consideration the report of the Chair-Rapporteur on the second session;

3. *Requests* the Chair-Rapporteur of the working group to conduct informal consultations during the intersessional periods, as appropriate, with Governments, relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council, regional groups, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations mechanisms, civil society and representatives of peasants and other people working in rural areas, as well as other relevant stakeholders and other relevant specialized agencies of the United Nations system;

4. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure the participation in the annual sessions of the working group of up to five expert panellists, including representatives of peasants and other people working in rural areas, civil society and grass-roots organizations from developing countries, in order to contribute to the analysis and interactive dialogues;

5. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to provide the working group with the human, technical and financial assistance necessary for it to fulfil its mandate, and to prepare a background study for the working group in relation to the rights included in the draft declaration before the third session of the working group;

6. *Invites* States, civil society and all relevant stakeholders, in particular representatives of peasants and other people working in rural areas, to contribute actively and constructively to the work of the working group;

7. *Requests* the working group to submit an annual report on progress made to the Human Rights Council for its consideration.